

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims presently in the application as follows:

Claim 1, line 1, delete "chip" and insert --tip--;
line 6, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Claim 2, line 1, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Claim 4, line 1, delete "chip" and insert --tip--;
line 8, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Please add the following new claims to the application:

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--22. A structural element, for trapping nucleic acid from a sample liquid by passing the sample liquid there-through, which is formed from composite particles comprising resin particles as nuclei and particles of silicon oxide deposited on the surfaces of the resin particles by three-dimensionally bonding the composite particles to one another.

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~~23~~. A structural element according to claim ~~22~~, wherein the resin particles have particle sizes of 50 to 1,000 μ m.--